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Municipal budget unaffected by tax change: Report

TREASURY HST will have little impact on the city budget, according to a treasurer's report to the city's audit, budget and finance committee.

Starting July 1, the city is going to have to pay eight per cent more for fuel, consulting and property, but that spending increase will be neutralized by rebates to maintenance and installation services and telecommunication costs.

Recreational fees for children 14 years and younger are not subject to the HST.

The city will absorb the increase on admission fees to public skating arenas, swimming pools, athletic centres, museums, and creative art centres for the remainder of 2010.

However, program fees will increase by the additional eight per cent after July 1.

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Pugstock

Pile o' pugs

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Six-year-old Kylie Turner and her cousin, Aiden Turner, 3, introduce their dogs, Sabrina and Hercules, to Teresa Land's four dogs yesterday at Pugstock, a breed-specific gathering to raise money for Ottawa-based pug rescue Under My Wing. More than 300 dogs and their owners attended the event at Britannia Beach. Story, page 3.

Dissolving insurgency

Taliban resistance unlikely to be 'broken,' new commander says

The insurgency in Afghanistan may remain for years to come, but it will wither away into irrelevancy if NATO's counterinsurgency operations this summer are successful, Canada's new top soldier in the war-torn country says.

Brig.-Gen. Jon Vance said Afghanistan could find itself co-existing with a small, ineffective insurgent element as other countries do while still being able to deliver public services and security to its people.

"It is absolutely not an effort that will have a cataclysmic effect on the insurgency," Vance said of NATO's operations.

"The insurgency will succumb to this over time. Insurgencies are rarely broken. They dissolve."

Vance spoke to several Canadian journalists yesterday at Kandahar Airfield in his first interviews since returning to resume command of Canada's 2,800 military personnel in Afghanistan.

He was deployed when his predecessor, Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard, was relieved of duties and recalled from the base two weeks ago over an alleged affair with a female subordinate.

"My reaction was, 'OK, let's get on with this,' and I got here as quickly as I could," Vance said. "I wasn't happy about the circumstances, but it's an honour to serve here."

Menard's conduct is currently under investigation by the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service.

Vance's more nuanced view of the Taliban marks a shift from the past vision of "breaking the back" of the insurgency.

He said the influx of American soldiers into Kandahar city has freed the Canadian military to concentrate on maintaining stability in the urban centre's outlying rural regions — a continuation of his so-called "model village" approach that he employed last year to much praise from NATO allies.

Over the next couple of months, the Canadian military will relinquish command of troops in Kandahar city, Zhari and Arghandab to the United States and focus its efforts in the rural districts of Panjwaii and Dand.

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Guerilla warfare

- The planned operation in Kandahar province has taken longer than originally anticipated because of a lack of support among locals and Afghan security forces that weren't fully prepared. Afghans had expressed fears of an eruption of urban guerilla warfare in city streets — a scenario that Brig.-Gen. Jon Vance said was not in play.

Booted contestant to attend pageant

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MISS UNIVERSE CANADA Booted from the Miss Universe Canada competition because she had appeared in commercials for a website that promotes infidelity, Gatineau resident Sophie Froment still plans to be in attendance tonight when they crown the winner in Toronto.

"I might even end up wearing the gown that I didn't get a chance to wear. I think it might be a good opportunity," the uOttawa student said yesterday after being informed Saturday that she was disqualified from the competition for appearing in commercials for AshleyMadison.com, a dating website for people who are married.

Sophie Froment

A statement from Miss Universe Canada said that, "unfortunately, (Froment) had made some career choices that are not compatible with the image of women that our organization tries to promote."

Froment is not interested in returning to the competition, but said it was unfair since the commercials were just part of a job.

"It's OK for girls to go on stage in bikinis during the competition, but it's not OK for me to act and model? It's a character, it's nothing more," she said.

"It's not like I was shooting porn. It's acting."

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Local

Display the maple leaf proudly, says MP

Ottawa-Orleans MP Royal Galipeau, left, has launched the second annual Ottawa-Orléans "Proud to be Canadian!" campaign. Galipeau is one of several MPs sending their constituents a large paper flag in an effort to get as many households as possible to display the Canadian Flag on Canada Day. "My hope is that this campaign will get people excited about Canada Day and give our community a means to voice their pride in this great country," Galipeau said. METRO OTTAWA

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News in brief

MOOSE Ottawa police killed a second moose this month in the area of St. Laurent Boulevard and Hwy 417 over the weekend. Police said options to humanely relocate the moose were not available as the moose became increasingly agitated.

ROBBERY Police are seeking two white males after an 18-year-old was robbed at the Lebreton Station early Saturday.

CHARGES A 44-year-old man faces charges after two elderly people were defrauded. Police said a suspect befriended an 80-year-old in a church and defrauded him of more than $40,000. METRO OTTAWA

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Family tackles diabetes together

Team of young brothers, supporters have been top fundraisers 3 years running

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Having one child with diabetes is difficult enough.

But when both of Jill McAninch's sons were diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes — a condition that affects 300,000 Canadians — within nine months of each other, the whole family was in shock.

Simon was diagnosed first in January of 2008, followed by Sam in September.

Now nine and seven respectively, Simon and Sam not only monitor their own diabetes and help each other, but every other person with the disease.

The brothers, along with their mother and friends and family, formed Team Dynamic Duo to raise money for juvenile diabetes research and for three years running, have been the top fundraisers for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Telus Walk to Cure Diabetes.

The disease is tough on kids, said McAninch.

"It makes them miss out on the simple pleasures of being nine and seven. They can't just do things because they want to. If a freezie is presented to them, they have to think about it first. They're not normal nine- and seven-year-olds."

"It's hard because I have to remember to do my finger pricks before lunch and dinner and breakfast," said Simon.

Juvenile diabetes

- More than 2,000 people raised $204,000 at the Ottawa walk yesterday. The walk is the biggest fundraiser for JDRF, which specifically funds research for Type 1 diabetes, and acts as a support mechanism for families.

"I think it's very good that people want to raise money for JDRF and a cure for diabetes," added Sam.

The disease is a difficult one for families, said Byron James, JDRF's regional manager for northeastern Ontario.

"It's 24-7, there's no remission, it never stops," he said. "Having said that, I haven't met a child yet with a defeatist attitude. They're unbelievably resilient."

No footy, but culture fest brings the countries

CELEBRATION In many ways, the annual Carnival of Cultures is a lot like the World Cup, but without that soccer.

At each game in South Africa, the stadium is packed with fans from the 32 competing nations, all dressed in their traditional colours, chanting and singing songs that inspire the players on the field.

The colours and the songs are a big part of the Carnival of Cultures, which hosted more than 400 performers, representing around 25 countries on stage this past weekend at Marion Dewar Plaza.

"This is where the world comes together every year, at the Carnival of Cultures," said Mona Kiame, a longtime volunteer with the festival. "The general public ... comes in to enjoy the variety of cultures."

The location of the festival this year is a bit of a homecoming for the festival. The inaugural Carnival of Cultures was held in front of city hall. Then it moved to the Astrolabe Theatre at Nepean Point for 15 years, before moving to the Vincent Massey Park bandstand for one year.

In February, the National Capital Commission informed organizers that the park would not be available again, due to stimulus fund-induced renovations.

"We had to try to find a site in the dead middle of festival season in Ottawa," said Kiame. "The gods were on our side and this location was available. The location is great."

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Dancers with Viva Mexico perform traditional dances during the Carnival of Cultures at Marion Dewar Plaza yesterday.

Fundraiser aids 'loyal ... sociable' pugs in distress

PUGSTOCK It's hard to imagine a need for a rescue for pugs — dogs bred specifically to become companion animals and known for their friendliness — but according to Genevieve Boucher, the need is definitely there.

"They need to be rescued, just like any breed," said Boucher, who founded Under My Wing Pug Rescue in 2006.

The organization, which received its registered charitable status at the beginning of this month, held its twice-annual Pugstock fundraiser at Britannia Beach yesterday. It's also a chance for pug owners to get together and to bring attention to the breed.

Volunteer and pug owner Bruce Earland attended with his three dogs.

"They're very loyal, very sociable dogs," he said. "They make great pets."

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Habs to foot bill for crowd control?

The City of Montreal intends to do something about the Canadiens' unruly crowds during their Cinderella run in this year's NHL playoffs. The city has put together a set of recommendations that would effectively make the hockey club pay for the extra policing required to control frenzied fans during the playoffs. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

No buyers for Beatles tape

A 14-minute tape recording of a 1966 Beatles news conference in Toronto did not find a buyer yesterday. The two reels up for auction feature John Lennon responding to questions about his statement that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus. The auction house, Los Angeles Bonham and Butterfields, estimated the artifact would fetch between $20,000 to $25,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Squabbling feds get little done

PARLIAMENT One of the most unproductive sittings in Canadian legislative history is sputtering to an end.

MPs are preparing to head home for the summer, having spent six months locked in furious debate over the vital role Parliament should play in a healthy democracy.

But amid all the wrangling and rancour, there's little sign that Parliament has actually done much work. As of today, only two appropriation bills — important but routine pieces of legislation that ensure the government has money to operate — have received royal assent after winning approval from both the House of Commons and Senate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto **Woofstock**

LUCAN DIENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Marilyn Monroe look-alike Zahara Marks holds a Joe DiMaggio look-alike dog as she hosts a celebrity event for dogs at the King Edward Hotel yesterday in Toronto. The event called Doggie Doggelganger High Tea was held to promote the Woofstock festival in Toronto that ran last weekend.

Sewage dumped in urban centres: Study

Far more sewage has been spilled in Canadian urban centres over the last six years than any other harmful contaminant, newly released figures show.

This never-before-released information has been kept in a classified government database called NEMISIS.

The acronym stands for National Enforcement Management Information System and Intelligence System.

Federal enforcement officers use the database to go after polluters.

It took The Canadian Press two years and a complaint to the information commissioner to pry the data from Environment Canada under the Access to Information Act.

The news agency then created its own spills database using the government information, which covers the period from January 2004 to this past April.

The analysis looked at spills in 18 cities and metropolitan areas across 10 provinces.

Meanwhile, the government database cites a 2,191-day sewer leak in Ottawa that discharged 190 million litres of sewage. It shows the spill began Jan. 1, 1998, and wasn't reported until Sept. 10, 2008.

The entry baffled Michel Chevalier, Ottawa's manager of wastewater and drainage operations, who said his figures don't jibe with the federal government's.

"I've had problems in the past with databases from the feds," Chevalier said, adding city records show 190 million litres of sewage was spilled into the Ottawa river over a four-day period in 2004. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Former executive suing Ontario regulator

Eleanor Clitheroe, who made millions at the helm of Hydro One Inc. before being fired, is arguing it is "pure vindictiveness" for the government to limit her pension. Clitheroe, who was dismissed in July 2002 after weeks of controversy over executive salaries at Ontario's publicly owned transmission utility, is suing Hydro One. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Debris from a landslide is shown from the air near Testalinden Creek, just south of Oliver, B.C. yesterday.

'The roar was deafening'

Landslide hits town in B.C.

As rescuers made their way through the debris of a landslide that struck several homes in southern British Columbia yesterday, it began to appear that most area residents had made it out in time.

Estimates varied wildly in the hours after the slide hit, but RCMP said approximately five homes were struck by the wall of mud that came down at approximately 2:20 p.m. local time near Testalinden Creek, just south of Oliver, B.C.

Allan Patton, regional director with the District of Okanagan-Similkameen, said rescuers had reached most of the homes within hours. Two remaining homes were inaccessible by ground, and officials were trying to reach them by helicopter.

Officials hadn't ruled out fatalities but by late afternoon Patton was cautious yet increasingly optimistic that nobody was buried.

"We're all thinking the best is the case, and that is that nobody's been hurt or killed. So far we're confident that's the way but we're not sure yet," he said.

He said the homes were destroyed. "Walls down, unsalvageable."

James Cambridge, a 46-year-old area resident, described seeing a wall of mud suddenly racing down the hill toward his home.

"Something let go up in the hills and this wall of mud came roaring down and took out our shop and buried a couple of cars on our property," he said.

"The roar was deafening."

Patton said that deafening noise may have given residents just enough of a warning to get out.

"I've heard that there was a warning, but it was only a five-minute warning and it was basically just friends phoning friends," he said.

"People who live in the area saw it coming and then started phoning their friends and neighbours."

He said between 25 and 30 homes neighbouring the slide area had been put on evacuation alert.

RCMP said a mountain slope on the western side of the valley gave out, destroying several homes and structures before burying the highway and spilling into the creek.

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News in brief

GAZA Israel has asked Canada's former top military lawyer to help investigate its attack on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla. Brig. Gen. Ken Watkin served as a Canadian Forces legal officer for over 25 years and has been involved in various inquiries arising from the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

AID In advance of the G8 summit, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has signalled support for programs to help eliminate mother to child transmission of HIV and malaria. On Friday, Harper met with the head of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria.

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Oddities aplenty on government auction website

BIDDING Who wants to buy some superhero pyjamas? What about a diamond ring or a damaged car? Underwear? Going once, going twice, sold! — by the Canadian government.

An online auction site run by the federal department of public works is a treasure trove of seized and surplus goods sold to the highest bidder with a credit card for bargain prices.

The government launched its online auction site in January 2009 in order to boost sales by reaching a broader audience than through the traditional auctions it had previously relied on.

A spokeswoman for the public works department said the site generated roughly $14 million in sales last fiscal year and a quick perusal of the list of goods on offer reveals the money is being spent on more than just office furniture.

Recent browsing has revealed musical instruments — including a tuba and a set of harmonicas — diamond-studded jewellery going for far less than the appraised fair market value, a wine opener kit, a hair clipper set, a Cartier watch and a 1994 Lincoln Town Car to be sold only for parts.

The public works spokeswoman was unable to say who ended up buying them or even why they were being sold. "Due to privacy laws, the identity of all (auction site) buyers is protected," Tricia Van Der Grient wrote in an email.

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Man charged with murdering relatives
A Dundas, Ont., man was charged over the weekend in connection with the deaths of his father and sister, whose bodies were discovered more than 10 years ago. Hamilton police have arrested and charged Mark Staples, 47, with two counts of first degree murder. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Findings of Air India inquiry due this week

Answers still sought in 1985 terrorist attack

A quarter-century after the worst terrorist attack in Canadian history, a federal inquiry is set to deliver a belated verdict on what went wrong — and what can be done to ensure that another such tragedy never takes place.

The report on the 1985 Air India bombing, expected to be presented to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and made public Thursday, is the product of nearly four years of work by former Supreme Court justice John Major and a staff of lawyers and researchers.

The team sifted through tens of thousands of pages of classified documents and took testimony from more than 200 witnesses during the painstaking investigation.

The five volumes will total nearly 4,000 pages of historical narrative, factual findings by Major on long-disputed points and recommendations for policy reforms to improve police work, intelligence operations, airline security and the conduct of anti-terrorist trials by prosecutors and judges.

And still it may not be the final word.

"This event is so perplexing, so multi-faceted, there are so many layers, it has been so long," says a source familiar with the report. "I don't think, with this kind of event, the door ever really closes — it's just like 9-11. But at least the historical record of the involvement by government agencies has been thoroughly canvassed, and for the first time (they are) being brought to account."

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Toronto **Fire on the DVP**

ADRIEN VECZAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Firefighters arrive before extinguishing a minivan on fire on the Don Valley Parkway (DVP) in Toronto yesterday.

News in brief

BODY FOUND For the second time in just over one year, a woman's body has been found inside Vancouver's Pacific Spirit Park. But RCMP say at this point there's no indication the two incidents are related. Sgt. Peter Thiessen says Mounties were called to the park near the University of British Columbia Saturday around 8:30 p.m. Thiessen says police have yet to identify the victim and don't know if she met with foul play. "We're asking the local community not to speculate and draw any conclusions that this may somehow be similar to what occurred last April ... where Wendy Ladner-Beaudry was found," Thiessen said. No arrests have been made in Ladner-Beaudry's death.

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Ontario couple dead in Switzerland bus crash

VICTIMS Swiss officials say the two Canadians killed in a weekend bus crash were a couple from Ontario.

A 71-year-old man and his 67-year-old wife died in the accident in southern Switzerland, but officials declined to provide their names. Swiss authorities also said that 13 Canadians are still being treated in various hospitals in the region. They expect six of the patients will be well enough to be released by today.

A group of 48 Canadian tourists were on a bus that went off the side of a road and ended up on its side Saturday, outside the village of Reckingen in the region of Valais, near the capital Bern. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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China plans massive reconstruction project
China will spend $4.7 billion US on reconstruction of a remote Tibetan region after an earthquake in April devastated the area, the country's cabinet said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Brazilian leader confident in candidate

Brazil's ruling party has nominated Dilma Rousseff, left, President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's former chief of staff, as its candidate in October's presidential election. If she wins, Rousseff will become Brazil's first woman president. The 62-year-old economist has promised to extend the social and economic programs that have made Silva popular. The star of yesterday's convention in the capital of Brasilia was Silva himself, who told participants he was confident Rousseff would win. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

75,000 flee violence

100 dead, shoot-to-kill order issued in Kyrgyzstan

Mobs of rioters slaughtered Uzbeks and burned their homes and businesses in Kyrgyzstan's worst ethnic violence in decades, sending more than 75,000 members of the ethnic minority fleeing the country in attacks that appeared aimed at undermining the Central Asian nation's new interim government.

More than 100 people were killed in southern Kyrgyzstan and more than 1,200 wounded in days of attacks, according to government estimates yesterday. The true toll may be much higher.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said its delegates witnessed about 100 bodies being buried in just one cemetery, and noted that the official toll is unlikely to include bodies still lying in the streets.

Fires set by rioters raged across Osh, the second-largest city in Kyrgyzstan, as triumphant crowds of ethnic-majority Kyrgyz men took control. Police or military troops were nowhere to be seen in the city of 250,000, where food was scarce after widespread looting and the few Uzbeks still left barricaded themselves in their neighbourhoods.

"We saw lots of dead."
Ziyeda Akhmedova

The rampages spread quickly to Jalal-Abad, another major southern city 70 kilometres from Osh, and its neighbouring villages, as mobs methodically set Uzbek houses, stores and cafés on fire. Rioters seized an armoured vehicle and automatic weapons at a local military unit and attacked police stations around the region trying to get more firearms.

Some refugees were fired on as they fled to Uzbekistan. They were mostly elderly people, women and children, with younger men staying behind to defend their property.

Many of the more than 75,000 refugees arrived with gunshot wounds, the Uzbekistan Emergencies Ministry said, according to Russian reports.

"We saw lots of dead. I saw one guy die after being shot in the chest," said Ziyeda Akhmedova, an Uzbek woman in her 20s at one of several camps hastily set up in Uzbekistan along the border.

A government order for troops to shoot rioters dead failed to stop the spiralling violence. Police and the military appeared to be on the defensive across the south, avoiding clashes with mobs. Flights to both Osh and Jalal-Abad were cancelled and the airports were closed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt **Protest against brutality turns violent**

BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prominent Egyptian opposition leader Ayman Nour, centre-right, raises his finger as he wrestles his activist son Noor Ayman back from police who were trying to drag him away at a demonstration against police brutality in Cairo yesterday. Security forces yesterday attacked hundreds of demonstrators protesting the death of a young man in the port city of Alexandria.

Sex-tape scandal a first for Indonesia

POP STAR Indonesians grappled with their first-ever celebrity sex-tape scandal, casting aside social taboos as they swarmed around office computers and mobile phones to watch clips allegedly showing a much-loved pop star with two girlfriends.

The story topped newscasts for a week and dominated chatter on social-networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter. But just as controversial was the reaction of officials in the newly democratic nation.

Police initially threatened to charge the "stars" under a strict anti-pornography law.

Several high schools were raided for mobile phones so the offending clips could be removed. And some ministers said the incident pointed, once again, to moral decay and the need for stricter controls of the Internet.

The first six-minute video clip appears to show pop singer Nazril Irham, better known as Ariel, in bed with his girlfriend Luna Maya, a top model, actress and, up until the scandal, the face of Lux beauty soap.

The two deny it was them, saying the footage has been doctored, but were called in for questioning by police.

Then a second eight-minute video emerged, purportedly showing Ariel with a former girlfriend, also a well-liked model and television presenter, further fanning public appetite for more. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Underwater sensors deployed into Gulf

OIL SPILL Undersea sensors were being deployed to a ruptured well in the Gulf of Mexico yesterday in an effort to better track the amount of oil gushing into the sea, the Coast Guard said, as pressure mounted on BP from the Obama administration and Gulf states to create special accounts that would set aside billions of dollars to pay for spill-related claims. New estimates say the blown-out well could have been spewing as much as 7.6 million litres of crude a day before a cut-and-cap manoeuvre earlier this month started capturing some of the flow. That means more than 380 million litres may have leaked into the Gulf since the start of the disaster in April — more than nine times the size of the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster off Alaska, previously the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

Scientists also haven't been able to pin down just how much oil is spilling into the Gulf, and the U.S. government has stressed that the larger estimates were still preliminary and considered a worse-case scenario. U.S. Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen yesterday said officials think the best figures are from a middle-of-the-road estimate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

ARKANSAS Crews got to work yesterday looking for bodies in the many piles of debris that collected after a flash flood swept through a popular campground, as police drastically cut their search to just three missing campers. The pre-dawn Friday flood killed at least 18 people. Authorities haven't been able to contact some of the nearly two dozen people who hadn't been accounted for Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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No good governance prize for Africa

For the second year in a row, organizers of a $5-million US annual prize for good governance in Africa say they have decided not to give out the award. The Mo Ibrahim Foundation prize committee, led by former United Nations chief Kofi Annan, said yesterday it had not selected a winner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Research report rips Pakistan

Support for Taliban reaches the highest levels of government, it claims

Pakistan's main spy agency continues to arm and train the Taliban and is even represented on the group's leadership council despite U.S. pressure to sever ties and billions in aid to combat the militants, said a research report released yesterday.

The findings could heighten tension between the two countries and raise further questions about U.S. success in Afghanistan since Pakistani co-operation is seen as key to defeating the Taliban, which seized power in Kabul in the 1990s with Islamabad's support.

U.S. officials have suggested in the past that current or former members of Pakistan's powerful Inter-Services Intelligence agency, or ISI, have maintained links to the Taliban despite the government's decision to denounce the group in 2001 under U.S. pressure.

But the report issued yesterday by the London School of Economics offered one of the strongest cases that assistance to the group is official ISI policy, and even extends to the highest levels of the Pakistani government.

"Pakistan's apparent involvement in a double-game of this scale could have major geopolitical implications and could even provoke U.S. countermeasures," said the report.

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Pakistani general dismisses report

- Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, spokesman for the Pakistani army, which controls ISI, rejected the report, calling it "rubbish."
- "In the past, these kinds of baseless and unsubstantiated allegations have surfaced and we have rejected them," said Abbas. He pointed out ISI has suffered many casualties fighting militants in the country.

Karzai OK's NATO crackdown

KANDAHAR Afghan President Hamid Karzai gave the green light to a major security crackdown in the Taliban birthplace of Kandahar yesterday, assuring residents the operation was aimed at battling corruption and bad government as much as insurgents. Hundreds of tribal and religious leaders publicly endorsed the plan, although Afghan officials acknowledged skepticism remains over the high-stakes operation, seen as a possible turning point in the nearly nine-year-old war. Afghan and international forces already have started to ramp up security, raising fears among the half-million people living in and around the city that military action will lead to more bloodshed.

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Bahamas **Mysterious death of interior designer**

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In this Nov. 4, 2003 file photo, Wallace Tutt naps in a hammock on his private island of Caribe Cay in The Bahamas. The South Florida interior designer whose elegant creations were popular with movie stars, models and fashion icons was found dead Saturday in an exclusive area of the Bahamas, according to authorities. The cause of death has not been determined, officials said.

Indigenous group briefly kidnaps reporters, film crew

MEXICO A government media tour to promote tourism in southwestern Mexico went awry when machete-wielding Indians briefly kidnapped 13 reporters on the trip, officials said yesterday. Fifteen people trying to film a beer commercial were also abducted.

Nobody was harmed during the abductions Saturday, said a Michoacan state government official who spoke on condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to speak to the media. Government officials were still negotiating yesterday to recover the cameras and other media equipment stolen by the Nahua Indians.

The indigenous communal landowners were upset that Grupo Modelo, the maker of Corona beer, had not asked their permission to film the commercial on their property, said the official.

They first kidnapped the Mexican reporters after mistaking them for the Grupo Modelo team, the official said. The Nahua Indians released the journalists after about three hours, then kidnapped the Grupo Modelo filmmakers who arrived in the area later. They too were released after several hours.

Passions run high over territorial issues in rural pockets of Mexico, particularly in indigenous communities. Last month, gunmen opened fire on a group of European and Mexican rights activists, journalists and teachers union representatives who were attempting to reach a Triqui Indian village in central Mexico besieged by rival political factions. Two activists from Finland and Mexico were killed.

The Nahua Indians, holding machetes, confronted the journalists Saturday afternoon on a coastal highway between the port city of Lazaro Cardenas and the town of Aquila, said Alejandro Saldana Ortiz, the deputy director of the local Quadratin newspaper, which had a reporter on the trip. Two government officials were also among the group.

The reporters, cameramen and photographers had just finished a boat trip, part of a tour meant to highlight the sparkling Michoacan coastline, Saldana said. The indigenous group questioned the journalists and two government officials for several hours about whether they belonged to the Grupo Modelo team, he said. They were all released unharmed but the Indians refused to return cameras and other equipment.

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Other problems

- Brutal drug gang violence has hurt tourism in Michoacan, a state known for its picturesque colonial capital, beaches and Monarch butterfly sanctuary.

26 years later, controversy lingers in city ravaged by industrial disaster

INDIA More than 25 years after her daughter died from breathing poison that leaked out of a chemical factory, 80-year-old Halima sat in her home as word spread that a court had delivered the first convictions related to the accident.

On June 7, former executives of the U.S. chemical company Union Carbide, one of whom died long before the convictions, were found guilty of criminal negligence and sentenced to about two years in prison for their roles in the Bhopal disaster. "People have been hanged for causing just one or two deaths," Halima said, sitting on her floor and scratching boils on her head she said were caused by the poison gas.

"We had thousands of people in this city killed and 26 years later all the key people got was two years. There is no satisfaction."

Instead of heralding closure or peace of mind, the convictions have sparked renewed debate about the spill, which has yet to be cleaned up, and the fate of Warren M. Anderson, the former chairman of Union Carbide who has become a household name in Bhopal.

While he was briefly detained after the spill, Anderson secured bail and was allowed to leave India just days later. Anderson, 89, lives in New York.

Shamshad Bi lost her five-year-old son Raja in the gas spill. The 50-year-old still lives with her 15-year-old daughter Lubna in a slum a few steps from the old factory grounds. Lubna, Shamshad said, has developed kidney trouble after growing up drinking local water, which some here believe is poisoned.

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Three killed, dozens wounded in Kenya explosion

An explosion ripped through a park in Nairobi's capital during a packed political rally late yesterday, killing three people and wounding 75, officials said. The prime minister said officials don't yet know the cause of the blast. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Separatists gain in Belgium

'Unprecedented earthquake' in country's political realm

A separatist party that advocates independence for Dutch-speaking Belgium, leaving the country's Francophones to fend for themselves, appeared headed for big gains in yesterday's general election.

With a third of the ballots counted, the Interior Ministry predicted the New Flemish Alliance — a fringe factor until now — would win 23 per cent of the vote to become the biggest party in Dutch-speaking Flanders.

The election could be "an unprecedented earthquake in the history of our country," said a politician in Belgium's outgoing alliance, Flemish Liberal Party Leader Alexander Decroo.

The gain for the separatist Flemish party would mean lost parliament seats for Premier Yves Leterme's outgoing coalition of Christian Democrats, Liberals and Socialists — all split into Dutch and French-speaking factions.

Its three years in office were marked by enduring linguistic spats that remained unresolved.

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French-speaking Socialist Party president Elio Di Rupo.

Belgium's two largest regions are Dutch-speaking Flanders in the north and the French-speaking southern region of Wallonia.

In Belgium just about everything — from political parties to broadcasters to boy scouts and voting ballots — already comes in Dutch- and French-speaking versions. Even charities such as the Red Cross and Amnesty International have separate chapters.

The New Flemish Alliance advocates an orderly breakup of Belgium, whose 6.5 million Dutch- and four million French-speakers have long been locked in an unhappy union.

Flanders would join the European Union, leaving poorer Wallonia, which depends on Flemish funding and has no independence aspirations, in the lurch.

However, if he becomes premier, Bart De Wever, the leader of the New Flemish Alliance, would head a coalition government that would probably inevitably force him to tone down his plea for an independent Flanders.

The most likely scenario is that such a government would work for more self rule for Flanders and Wallonia, which already have autonomy in areas such as urban development, environment, agriculture, employment, energy and culture.

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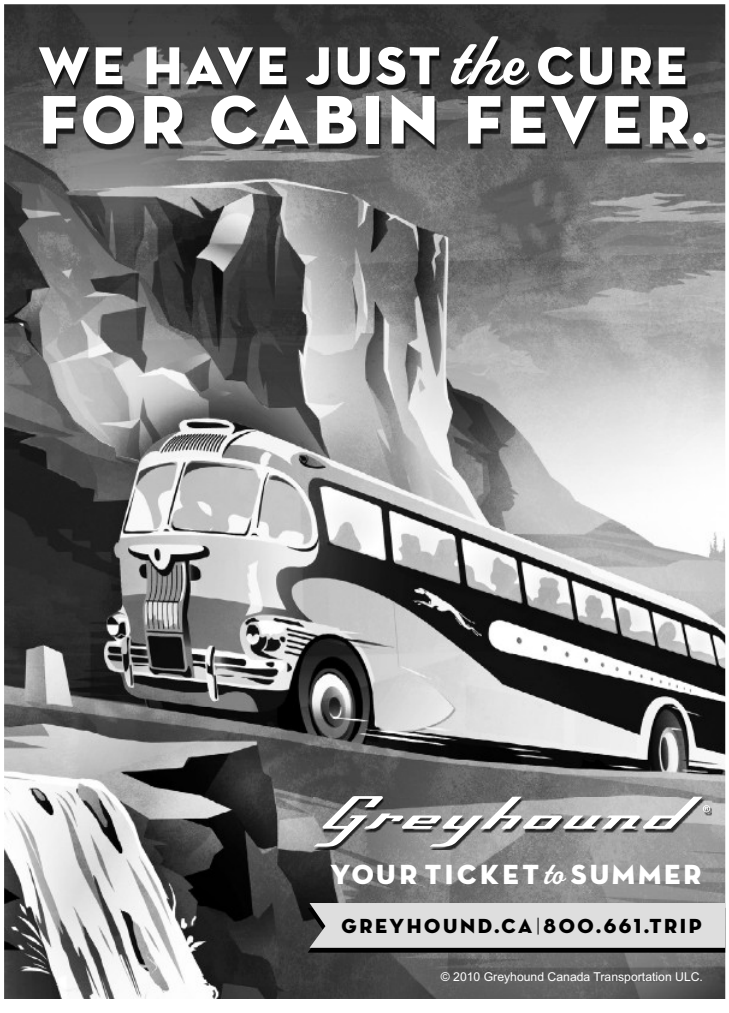

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Another day in light rail limbo

The elation didn't last long. Last week, the federal government finally announced a commitment of $600 million — or about half the going rate for a G8/G20 weekend — for Ottawa's light rail and tunnel project. With a matching contribution from the province, that leaves Ottawa to cover $900 million.

Almost instantly, mayoral front-runner Jim Watson began warning of big potential cost overruns while his rival, Alex Cullen, argued that a certain amount of budget bloat is preferable to cancelling and "starting from square one."

This has been the pattern so far — Cullen, also head of the transit committee, four-square behind light rail, and Watson, while not explicitly coming out against the project, consistently tossing out reasons, whether fiscal, physical or jurisdictional, to throw its feasibility into question.

While there's plenty to argue over, I can't shake the impression the debate is less about the merits of light rail than about two candidates striving to differentiate themselves from one another. With a queasy sense of déjà vu, I fear light rail will become a political football for the second election running, resulting in yet another own goal against public transit.

There is much to settle before bidding on the contract can even begin, and if there's too much chaos on the light rail front, it could endanger the federal and provincial funding. It was the federal government that froze the funding for the last light rail plan, helping Larry O'Brien to campaign against it and into office.

The current project won't even start until 2013. The first passengers would travel the first phase, the Blair-Tunney's Pasture line, in 2018, an estimate moved back from an earlier, more optimistic one of 2016. The full system wouldn't be in operation until 2031.

If we keep ripping up the current plan in favour of a new one, which will in turn be ripped up by the next council, I'm going to go out on a limb and say it will take even longer than that. Remember, our still-to-be-built central library was once slated for completion in 2006.

At this rate, if Ottawa is ever to get 21st-century transit sometime in the 21st century, maybe we need to host some huge, expensive global sports hootenanny to get the deal done.

After all, Vancouver got its light rail Canada Line last year, in time for the Winter Olympics. Last week, Johannesburg, South Africa, host of the World Cup, debuted its new high-speed rail service.

Maybe it would be easier to get our house in order if we knew company was coming.

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Worth mentioning

Kicking back to watch games may slow productivity

Even down on the Toronto stock market floor, amid a flurry of multimillion-dollar trades, the TVs are tuned into the World Cup.

It's just one effect of the planet's biggest sports tournament, a month-long phenomenon that a U.K. study suggests could cost billions in lost productivity around the world.

Others challenge the notion. They argue the World Cup could actually benefit some economies — depending on which team wins and how much fans shell out for the celebration.

While there may be a debate about the economic bottom line, there is no disputing the soccer frenzy sweeping across workplaces as people around the world return to the office today.

In Honduras, the government is giving 200,000 public employees time off during the tournament to watch the national team play. Politicians have even urged private businesses to follow their lead.

In Canada, a senior strategist for TD predicted international productivity would dip during World Cup matches.

Millan Mulraine couldn't think of any empirical research done on the topic, but last Friday, with many TVs on the Toronto trading floor showing soccer, he expressed confidence about his hunch.

"In this environment, normally you would be watching business news," Mulraine said.

"But given that the World Cup is on now live, I think that's what everyone's tuned into ... even at work.

"I've taken a few glances at it while working, so I can testify to the fact that, yes, productivity will likely decline during events."

A director at Scotia Capital in Toronto told the Wall Street Journal that many traders took Friday off to watch the start of the tournament. The paper reported that during Friday's games the New York trading volume was at its lowest point in two months.

In the soccer-mad U.K., more than 50 per cent of 687 managers surveyed last month by the Chartered Management Institute worry their employees may be distracted by discussions about the World Cup.

The institute estimates that lost hours of productivity could cost more than $1.4 billion — to the British economy alone.

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$2.6M for Buffett lunch

The price of lunch with billionaire investor Warren Buffett has topped $2 million again, breaking a previous record for the most expensive charity item ever sold on eBay. The final price of $2.6 million was announced Friday night after the auction. The amount is even pricier than the $2.11-million bid in 2008's Buffett lunch auction. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Soccer **Embracing the world**

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A girl poses yesterday at a shopping mall in Johannesburg, South Africa, with hand-carved wood statues of soccer players in teams participating in the World Cup.

Feds miss target on real estate

Managers of the federal government's massive real-estate portfolio have again fallen short of their performance targets, says an internal report.

Vacancy rates remained stubbornly high, maintenance costs rose significantly and the government's return on investment was anemic — raising questions about the business savvy of federal bureaucrats.

The findings are contained in Public Works' so-called Asset Report Card for 2008-2009, a draft copy of which was obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

The document is an annual accounting of how efficiently the government manages the 353 buildings it owns across the country, including 233 Crown-owned office buildings. Most of the offices are in the Ottawa area.

Public Works' real property branch was restructured in 2007 to more closely align real-estate operations with those of commercial landlords.

Operating and maintenance costs rose in 2008-2009 by seven per cent, and now sit about 15 per cent above similar costs in the private sector. Last year, Ottawa's operating costs were below those in the private sector.

Bureaucrats missed their targets for return on investment, which compares net income with the market value of the office properties. The goal is a return of between five per cent and eight per cent, but the report shows the portfolio came in at 4.8 per cent in 2008-2009.

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Vacancies

- The new report shows the average vacancy rate in federal office buildings was 4.6 per cent — an improvement of half a point from the previous year but still far from the target of 3.5 per cent or less.

New rules shake up market

REAL ESTATE One firm promises to post your home on the Multiple Listing Service for a penny. Another boasts that it's cheaper to use lawyers than realtors. A third encourages agents to bid on listings to see who might offer the best prices and services.

At least half a dozen new innovative Canadian companies have been launched in the wake of a decision by the federal Competition Bureau to challenge the rules of organized real estate.

This has not sat well with traditional realtors, who see their industry under attack. The newcomers are being characterized as upstarts offering more hype than service. But they say the old rules don't apply anymore.

The winners so far are consumers in what has been an unprecedented spring awakening for the normally stodgy world of real estate marketing.

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Monopoly ends

- Since the Competition Bureau declared war on the Canadian Real Estate Association's monopoly on the MLS earlier this year, emboldened realtors have launched new schemes that challenge the status quo.

Listeria concerns prompt recall

FOOD A Winnipeg food processor is recalling its pre-cooked meat products after an Alberta customer raised concerns about possible contamination with listeria bacteria.

Smith's Quality Meats, which sells in provinces from British Columbia to Ontario, has voluntarily pulled a wide variety of its products from shelves.

"All cooked products are in the process of being removed from store shelves," Smith's spokesman Andy Van Patter said in a release.

The recalls affect meat products with best-before dates between June 11 and Sept. 3. The products include salami, wieners, garlic sausage and roast beef.

"The discovery was made on one product at one location in Alberta through testing performed by our customer," said Van Patter. "There (is) no indication that other products are affected."

There have been no reported illnesses from eating the products. "That being said, in light of what has happened in this industry over the last couple of years it is only prudent for us to recall all of our cooked products as a precaution," Van Patter said.

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Business in brief

STRIKE Spirit Airlines flights were being cancelled again yesterday as a pilot's strike entered its second day, shutting down the discount carrier and stranding thousands of travellers. Spirit's CEO said no talks were scheduled with picketing pilots, and a union leader said the pilots "will not return to the cockpit until a fair and equitable contract is negotiated." The privately held airline based in Miramar, Fla., carries 16,680 passengers per day — about one per cent of the U.S. total — mostly between the eastern United States and the Caribbean and Latin America.

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The right way to greener living

Eco-habits are made with best intentions, but survey says some are bad from the start

A sweeping new survey of Canadian environmental habits reveals most Canadians aren't as green as they think they are.

The second annual Green Gap Index highlights striking differences between what we say we do, and how we actually behave.

It also concludes that this perception gap is growing.

"Canadians have a great desire to be green, but they are struggling," says Nick Cowling, vice-president of Optimum Public Relations, which co-conducted the survey with Summerhill Group.

"They are looking for more guidance from the corporations, brands, government and employers," he says.

• See survey results at www.summerhillgroup.ca/greengap/2010May31_Green_Gap_Index.pdf

FILE PHOTO

How many reusable mugs did you see at Starbucks today?

Consumer habits

Where we're wrong: "Seven out of 10 Canadians said they use a reusable drinking container all or most of the time," Cowling notes. "And yet, if you're in line at the Starbucks or Tim Hortons, no one's holding one."

How we can improve: Reusable cups! Also, Cowling sees some interesting disconnects in Canadian buying habits. "A strong majority of Canadians — 80 per cent — will donate clothing or other things," he says. "But less than 20 per cent … buy gently used goods."

Fuel efficiency

Where we're wrong: The survey says 85 per cent of Canadian drivers believe they are driving fuel-efficient cars — ones that burn no more than 8.3 litres of gasoline per 100 kilometres.

The problem? There simply aren't that many fuel-efficient vehicles on our roads.

How we can improve: "About 50 per cent are opting for public transportation instead of driving, and it's a much younger demographic," Cowling says.

"Canadians don't tend to look at things that are a bit more of a financial stretch, like buying carbon offsets when you do air travel. Twelve per cent, or less, consider it."

FILE PHOTO

Energy use

Most of us use less energy today.

Where we're wrong: A smaller gap here. The survey says Canadians have greater awareness of energy efficiency, but only participate in actions that do not require any real change or effort in their existing behaviours.

How we can improve: Cowling says we're already doing it. "Almost three-quarters of Canadians said they are using less energy than they did last year," he notes. "I think that's because this is an area that has a big effect on their wallets.

"Energy efficiency has been the fastest transition — because people can save money."

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Police intervene in wage protest staged by stadium stewards

Armed riot police charged into a crowd consisting of hundreds of stewards at a World Cup stadium early this morning. The stewards had gathered to complain about their wages. There was no immediate word of any injuries or arrests at the protest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIFA World Cup

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Italy coach not making predictions

GROUP F PREVIEW

Italy vs. **Paraguay**

SOCCER Italy coach Marcello Lippi didn't make any bold predictions before the Azzurri's World Cup victory four years ago, and he wasn't about to change his ways before today's opener with Paraguay.

"I didn't tell you four years ago before Italy-Ghana that we were going to present you with (an) epic month," Lippi said yesterday, referring to the 2-0 win in 2006 that set the tone for the Azzurri's title run. "Great teams are born at big tournaments and grow game by game. Hopefully, we'll start off well tomorrow night and grow from there."

Marcello Lippi

Lippi called the skepticism surrounding his aging squad "normal."

Italy has appeared confused in recent friendlies and Lippi still appears uncertain over his lineup, especially with key midfielder Andrea Pirlo out with an injured left calf.

"I can't deny that certain injuries have prevented me from carrying out a few experiments, but there's no doubt the squad is ready," the coach said.

While Italy is out to discredit its critics, Paraguay is playing in honour of absent striker Salvador Cabanas, who is completing a remarkable recovery from a gunshot wound to the heads. Cabanas was shot in a Mexico City bar in January and the main suspect is still at large. He was released three weeks ago from a rehabilitation clinic in Buenos Aires and doctors treating him have been surprised by his recovery, raising speculation he could eventually play again.

Paraguay has developed a solid defence under coach Gerardo Martino, which allowed the team to qualify third in South America behind Brazil and Chile.

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Germany's Cacau celebrates yesterday after scoring during the World Cup Group D soccer match between Germany and Australia in Durban, South Africa. Germany won 4-0.

A beautiful victory

GROUP D RESULTS

Germany 4 **Australia** 0

For one night, the Beautiful Game belonged to Germany.

Known more as a methodical team than a creative one, the Germans scored several lovely goals yesterday in a 4-0 rout of Australia.

Germany scored twice in each half and Tim Cahill was sent off as the three-time champion surged to the top of Group D at the World Cup.

Lukas Podolski and Miroslav Klose scored in the first 30 minutes as Australia coach Pim Verbeek's defensive tactics backfired, while Thomas Mueller and Cacau added the others against an overwhelmed Australian defence.

"We earned respect for ourselves," Klose said. "It was hugely important to win the first game, but nothing is won yet. We're a young team and we have fun playing."

Cahill was red-carded in the 56th minute for a late challenge on Bastian Schweinsteiger.

The dominant win, played in front of 62,660 fans at the Moses Mabhida Stadium, came without injured captain Michael Ballack.

"I think the way we set up our attacks is something we've been working on intensively," Germany coach Joachim Loew said. "But we've also worked on how we play off the ball — to move into unused space. We were very good on the ball tonight, and we created beautiful goals."

Australia now has a large mountain to climb if it is to advance past the group stage, especially as it will be without Cahill in its next match, against Ghana Saturday.

The Everton midfielder was in tears after the match as Schweinsteiger patted him on the back and said he did not believe he should have been sent off.

Australia only briefly threatened at the start of each half. Cahill had a header blocked in the fourth minute and Richard Garcia's follow-up shot also was stopped on the German line.

But apart from those fleeting chances, Germany was in total control.

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Slovenia gets first Cup win

• Robert Koren scored a late goal to give Slovenia a 1-0 win over Algeria and first place in Group C of the World Cup, ahead of the U.S. and England. The Slovenian captain struck a long-range shot Algeria goalkeeper Fawzi Chaouchi misjudged and allowed into the net in the 79th minute. It was the first World Cup victory for Slovenia. The Balkan country lost all three of its matches in the 2002 tournament.

Sports in brief

TV The World Cup is causing quite a buzz on U.S. television. Saturday's first-round tie by the U.S. and English teams was seen by an estimated 13 million on ESPN. That made it the most-watched telecast involving the U.S. men's team since 1994.

LASER FIFA says it asked stadium security to intervene after a spectator targeted a laser beam at the field during Argentina's World Cup match against Nigeria. The bright green light was aimed at players and Argentina coach Diego Maradona during Saturday's match in Johannesburg. FIFA says it noticed the beam immediately and alerted security staff at Ellis Park. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ghana player dedicates team's win to Africans

GROUP D RESULTS

Ghana 1 **Serbia** 0

SOCCER The first World Cup in Africa has its first African winner.

Asamoah Gyan scored on an 84th-minute penalty yesterday as Ghana stunned Serbia with a 1-0 victory in Group D. The win set off celebrations not only on the Loftus Versfeld pitch, but across all of Africa.

"That's what you're seeing," Ghana midfielder Stephen Appiah said. "This is the first time the World Cup is held in Africa, and all Africa is united."

After the final whistle, the Ghana players ran across the field in jubilation, some carrying national flags as they received applause from a crowd that pretty much made them the home team.

"Every African is behind us," Gyan said. "I salute all you guys. We win this match for you."

And for the folks back home. Large crowds gathered on major streets in Accra. Cars draped in the national flag swarmed the roads, and some drivers honked their horns while others sang.

"The Black Stars have started what the African countries in the tournament have not been able to do so far by winning a match," 15-year-old viewer Inusah Gariba said. "We have taken the lead and hopefully an African team — preferably Ghana — would come out tops in the final."

That's a long way off. In the opener for both teams, Zdravko Kuzmanovic needlessly handled a cross in the area, and then argued the call and the yellow card he received. Gyan drove the penalty kick high to the left for the only goal.

Previously, Ghana missed a series of headers. John Mensah and Gyan missed the target and Dede Ayew headed against the goalpost.

The fast-moving Ghanaians created more chances and could have been ahead by halftime.

Central defender Mensah headed a free kick wide of the far post and Gyan failed to reach a left wing cross by Kevin-Prince Boateng as the Serb defence struggled against well-directed balls into the middle.

Serbia's only real threat near the end was a shot by Milos Krasic that was brilliantly saved by Richard Kingson.

The Serbs had Aleksandar Lukovic sent off in the 74th minute for a second yellow card.

"For sure, this is a big blow for us. To start a World Cup with a defeat is a bad thing," Serbia coach Radomir Antic said. "We will use all our energy to be positive when preparing for the next game (against Germany Friday)."

The only African team to reach the second round at the 2006 World Cup, Ghana nearly got a second goal. Gyan almost made it 2-0 in injury time but hit the post after a burst down the left side.

"This is all I have worked for, and to be man of the match, it is fantastic," he said.

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WORLD CUP RESULTS

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Mexico	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
South Africa	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
France	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Uruguay	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

FRIDAY RESULTS

South Africa 1 Mexico 1
Uruguay 0 France 0

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
South Korea	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Argentina	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Nigeria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Greece	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

SATURDAY RESULTS

South Korea 2 Greece 0
Argentina 1 Nigeria 0

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Slovenia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
England	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
U.S.	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Algeria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Slovenia 1 Algeria 0

SATURDAY RESULT

England 1 U.S. 1

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Germany	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Ghana	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Australia	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Ghana 1 Serbia 0
Germany 4 Australia 0

GROUP E AND F TODAY'S GAMES

Netherlands vs. Denmark, 7:30 a.m.
Japan vs. Cameroon, 10 a.m.
Italy vs. Paraguay, 2:30 p.m.

Hamlin stays hot
Denny Hamlin continued his hot streak, dominating yesterday's NASCAR race at Michigan International Speedway to pick up his second straight victory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

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JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lewis Hamilton races to victory yesterday at the Formula One Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal. Mark Webber and Fernando Alonso trail behind him.

Hamilton takes flag

Former world champ wins in Montreal

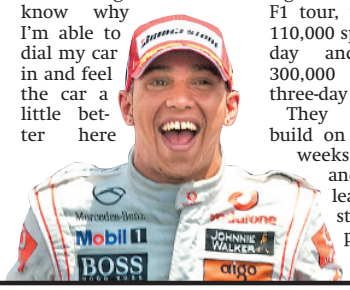
Lewis Hamilton was clearly glad to welcome the Canadian Grand Prix back to Formula One.

The former world champion won his first pole position and first race at Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve in 2007. He completed that double again yesterday as he led in a 1-2 McLaren-Mercedes finish with fellow Englishman Jenson Button.

That gave the 25-year-old two wins in three visits to the tight, often treacherous track, which was put back on the schedule after skipping last year due to a financial dispute between F1 boss Bernie Ecclestone and the former promoter.

"I don't know why I do well here," Hamilton said. "It's a great track, a fantastic city, great food, great people, amazing support — and the weather was great today as well."

"For me, this is one of the best races of the whole season. Again, I don't know why I'm able to dial my car in and feel the car a little better here than other places, but we have a long season ahead of us. We'll have good races and bad races. I just hope there's more good ones than bad ones."



Despite missing a year, the street party was back downtown and the huge crowds returned for the eighth stop on the 19-race F1 tour, with more than 110,000 spectators on race day and more than 300,000 overall for the three-day event.

They saw Hamilton build on his victory two weeks ago in Turkey and leap into the lead in drivers standings with 109 points.

Lewis Hamilton

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BASEBALL

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Detroit 4 Pittsburgh 3
Florida 6 Tampa Bay 1
Kansas City 7 Cincinnati 3
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N.Y. Mets 11 Baltimore 4
N.Y. Yankees 9 Houston 5
Philadelphia 5 Boston 3
San Francisco 6 Oakland 2
Seattle 4 San Diego 2
Texas 7 Milwaukee 2
Washington 9 Cleveland 4
Chicago Cubs 1 Chicago White Sox 0

NBA FINALS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 92 L.A. Lakers 86 (Boston leads series 3-2)

Sports in brief

NHL Los Angeles Kings assistant coach Mark Hardy has resigned while facing a fourth-degree charge of felony sexual abuse. In a statement issued yesterday, the Kings said Hardy resigned Friday.

PGA Lee Westwood won the St. Jude Classic yesterday for his second career PGA Tour victory and first since 1998, beating Swede Robert Karlsson in a sudden-death playoff.

MLB Jim Joyce was voted the best umpire in Major League Baseball in a poll of 100 players conducted by ESPN the Magazine last week. Joyce made national headlines when he missed a call at first base that cost Detroit Tigers pitcher Armando Galarraga a perfect game June 2.

NBA The Atlanta Hawks officially named Larry Drew as their new head coach yesterday. The Hawks announced Drew's hiring two days after several news organizations reported the team had selected Mike Woodson's top assistant as its new coach.

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UBC increases entrance averages

According to published reports, the vast majority of students applying to the University of British Columbia's Vancouver campus this fall will need at least an A average, the highest marks ever required at the institution. UBC's faculty of arts now requires an 85 per cent or higher average for admission. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Man charged over terrorism hoax

A Montreal man faces a charge of perpetrating a terrorist hoax and another of public mischief relating to a threat last year that targeted John Abbott College, a Montreal CÉGEP. The RCMP reports that Montreal police and the college received a letter in May 2009 warning of a potential terrorist attack. An investigation revealed the letter was a hoax and the alleged attack was unfounded.

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Is a sports team worth it?

A career in sports economics may change your view of the home team

RICHARD WOODBURY
for Metro Canada

With a strong desire to bring an NHL franchise to cities such as Winnipeg, Quebec City and Hamilton, there is often talk of the economic benefits the teams would bring to the communities. It's Brad Humphreys job to tell people the disheartening news.

"I've got to basically tell people all the time, 'Well, I'm sorry if these people have told you that a new hockey team in your community is going to be really beneficial economically. There's no evidence to support that and it's a money-losing proposition for the local community and only a money-making proposition for the team owner and players," says the sports economist who teaches at the University of Alberta.

While many may think that bringing a sports franchise into their city will mean an economic boom, sports economist Brad Humphreys say this is not so. In fact, when he heads to his local ball park, all he can think about is how much money was lost on the facility.

His 10 years of research indicates this is true for all sports.

Sports economics is a relatively new branch of economics, which takes economic principles and uses them to analyze issues in sports, such as the economic impact of hosting large sports events like the Olympics or the economic impact of having a professional sports team.

In Canada, there are only a handful of sports economists and becoming one is not a short process, with a PhD in economics being only a basic requirement.

When he tells people what he does, he says they're intrigued. This is because "sports cuts across all dimensions of society and provides people with a common shared experience," he says.

Not every area of economics has its own section in the newspaper, he adds.

With the recent hosting of the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, a lot of talk was about the economic benefits it would bring to the city and province. The bad news is the Olympics have poor track records for this.

"It's almost certainly not beneficial for a local economy," says Humphreys. "It probably costs a lot more than whatever return you get back out of it."

The Olympics are expensive to host because of the specialized facilities and enormous security costs. Other problems can crop up as well, such as the Athletes Village fiasco in Vancouver.

"That blew up on them," he says, adding that taxpayers are now on the hook for the facility.

Humphreys is no longer the sports fan he once was and this is because of his profession.

"Once I started doing this research on public subsidies for professional sports facilities, it kind of made me less of a sports fan," says the one-time Baltimore Orioles season ticket holder.

Humphreys used to be able to admire a ballpark for its structure and beauty, but "now when I go to a ballpark, all I can think about is, 'Well, how badly did local government get hosed out of money when this facility was built?'"

What's cookin'?

Sporting events in Canada

- 2011 Canada Winter Games – **Halifax**
- 2011 Ford World Men's Curling Championship – **Regina, Sask.**
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- 2013 Canada Summer Games - **Sherbrooke, Que.**
- 2015 Pan American Games – **Toronto**

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OddJobs

Michelle Limoges has a great day job. She's worked for the Alberta Research Council for 30 years. She runs special events for the Edmonton-based organization.

Limoges, 59, is planning to retire next year.

Her other gig, meanwhile, will probably start taking up even more of her time.

Originally from Ontario, Limoges moved out west with her first husband in the late 1970s. They got a Doberman together and after the divorce, Limoges took the dog.

She met her second husband at a dog show; he was a policeman who was also a Doberman owner. When her show dog ran out the door one day and ended up at pound, she decided to do some obedience training.

She and the dog enjoyed the challenge. With her next pet, she began doing tracking.

Then, a tornado hit Edmonton in 1987. Observing how important the search and rescue efforts had been during the disaster, Limoges and a group of five other dog owners decided to try it. They got hold of the training standards for a group in British Columbia and began learning.

Every Sunday, they'd meet at a semi-demolished building in downtown Edmonton. They'd hide friends in the rubble and send the dogs to find them.

When the dogs found their targets, they'd get their favourite toys to play with as reward.

Along with the weekly group session, Limoges and her dog would go out many nights of the week, doing training exercises.

The group began calling itself the Search and Rescue Association of Alberta and became a non-profit organization. As the secretary for the organization, Limoges spends part of her evenings — after she's been out training — doing emails and writing newsletters or guidelines.

The group now has good relationships with local police and the RCMP and get invited out to real searches in the Edmonton area.

Calls can come anytime. Limoges has an understanding with her employer and will leave if she's not in the middle of an important event.

"I've had lots of parties and things ruined. We do all this training, so when the call comes I say, sorry, I gotta go."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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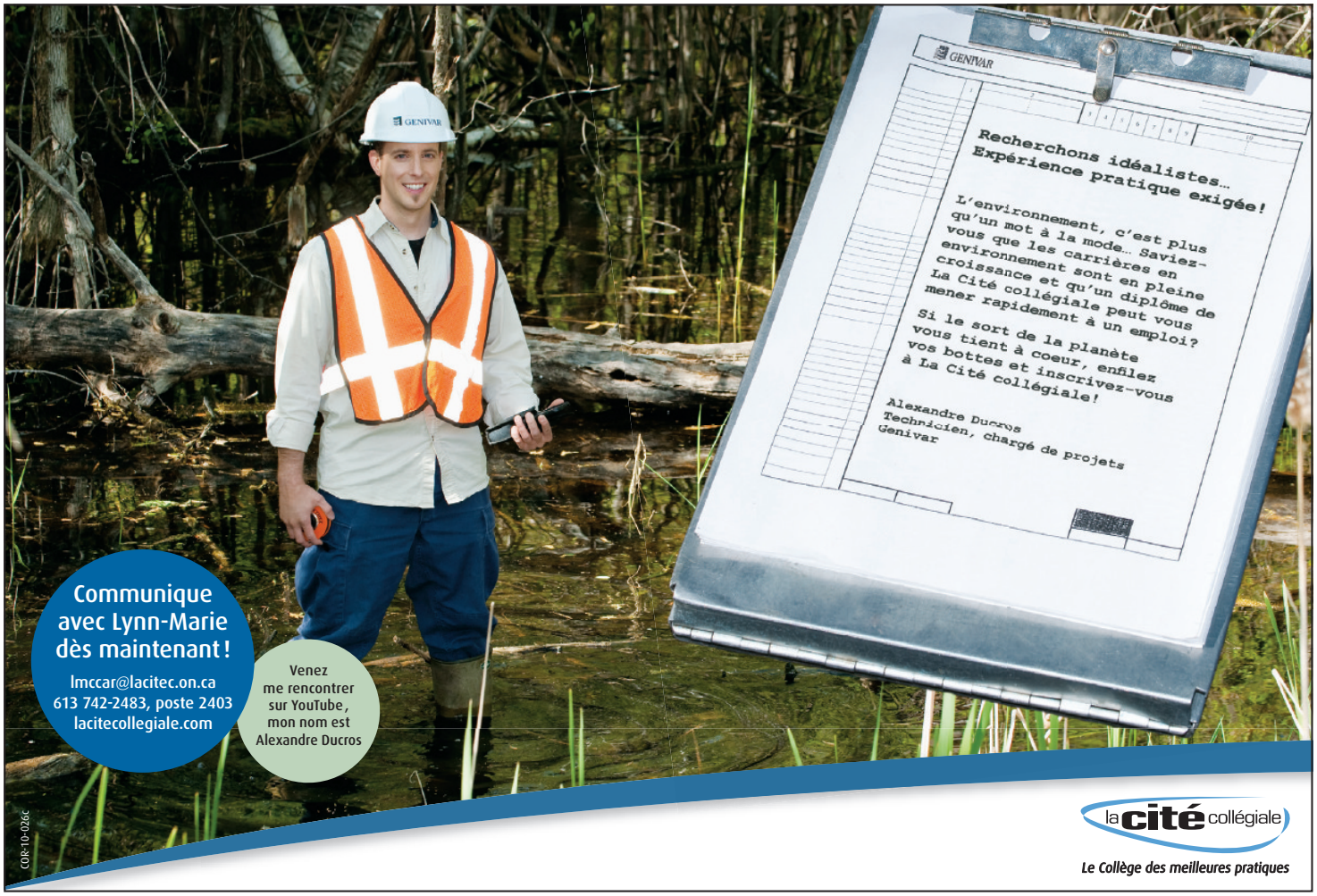

Kid Cudi arrested

Rapper Kid Cudi has been arrested on criminal charges in New York City. Sgt. John Butorn says Cudi was arrested Friday on charges of criminal mischief and criminal possession of a controlled substance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment

Casting call

Alaskans are being sought for dozens of roles for an upcoming Drew Barrymore movie being filmed in the state. Shooting on Everybody Loves Whales is to begin in September.

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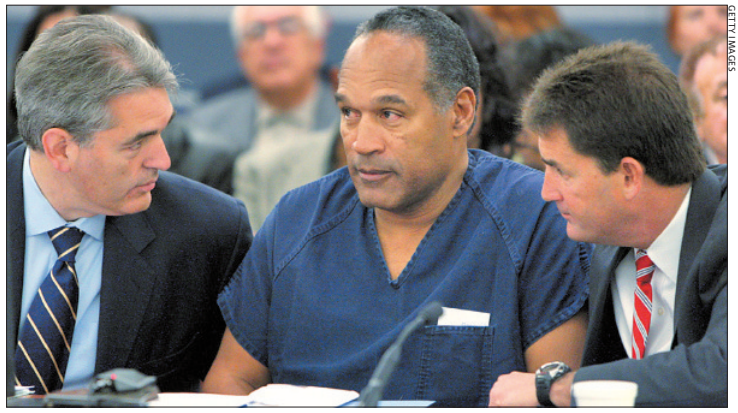
Trial prejudiced payback: Lawyer

The racial makeup of the jury and the conduct of the judge who oversaw O.J. Simpson's conviction have emerged as key issues in the former football star's appeal for the Nevada Supreme Court to overturn his conviction in a gunpoint Las Vegas hotel room heist.



GETTY IMAGES

O.J. Simpson, centre, seen with his lawyers during his 2008 trial for kidnapping and armed robbery.

"Mr. Simpson really believed he was recovering his own property," Simpson attorney Yale Galanter told a three-justice panel hearing oral arguments in Las Vegas on Friday. "Our theory of defence was never put before the jury."

Clark County District Attorney David Roger called the September 2008 trial contentious but fair, and the sentences just. He urged the justices to deny both appeals.

After Galanter characterized Simpson's conviction as prejudicial "payback" for his 1994 double-murder acquittal, justices Michael Cherry, Mark Gibbons and Nancy Saitta posed pointed questions about whether convicted co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart received a fair trial alongside Simpson.

Both men were convicted of kidnapping, armed robbery, conspiracy and other crimes for what Simpson maintained was an attempt to retrieve family photos and mementoes. Four other men took plea deals and received probation after testifying for the prosecution.

Stewart's lawyer, Brent Bryson said a 2001 poll found 72 per cent of Americans believed O.J. Simpson was wrongly acquitted in the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ron Goldman in Los Angeles.

Neither Simpson nor Stewart were in court for the oral appeals. Their attorneys previously lost a bid for their release from prison until their appeals are settled.

Simpson, an National Football League hall-of-famer, actor and advertising pitchman, is serving nine to 33 years at a state prison in the northern Nevada town of Lovelock.

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Usher

OMG! Usher's kids love daddy's hit

CELEBRITY Usher says he knew his latest song would be a hit in the clubs, but he didn't think that would translate into his own home. The singer told The Associated Press this week that he knew OMG would have "incredible energy" but adds: "Did I know that my children would love it at one and two? I only hoped." The thumping dance tune is produced by will.i.am and is his ninth No. 1 single. It's from his gold-selling album Raymond v. Raymond. The 31-year-old is the father of 2-year-old sons Usher Raymond V and 1-year-old Naviyd Ely Raymond.

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Box office

Ticket sales for Friday, June 11, through Sunday, June 13, at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to studio estimates:

1. **The Karate Kid:** $56 million US
2. **The A-Team:** $26 million
3. **Shrek Forever AFter:** $15.8 million
4. **Get Him to the Greek:** $10.1 million
5. **Killers:** $8.2 million
6. **Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time:** $6.6 million
7. **Marmaduke:** $6 million
8. **Sex and the City 2:** $5.5 million
9. **Iron Man 2:** $4.55 million
10. **Splice:** $2.9 million

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	209	342	6	CHRO	Canada's Worst Driver		The Listener (DVS)		Movie				Comedy Now
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The Big Bang Theory
Sheldon and Koothrappali attend a university mixer, where Sheldon helps his pathologically shy friend pick up girls. Back home, Leonard (Johnny Galecki) is upset to discover that Penny believes in psychics in "The Psychic Vortex." 9:31 PM on 13 CBS 7 CTV 104 CTV

Two and a Half Men
A bar fight lands Alan — yes, Alan — in jail, but typically, that's not the main thing Charlie is fretting about. He's worried that Chelsea is interested in the lawyer (guest star Stephen Eckholdt) who takes Alan's case in "Crude and Uncalled For." 9 PM on 13 CBS 7 CTV 104 CTV

CSI: Miami
Horatio and his team are sharply divided over the baffling case of a man who was chopped in half. Elsewhere, Natalia's (Eva La Rue) injury puts her and Ryan (Jonathan Togo) in a very bad spot in "Die by the Sword." Emily Procter, Adam Rodriguez, Eddie Cibrian and Christian Clemenson also star. 10:01 PM on 13 CBS 7 CTV 104 CTV

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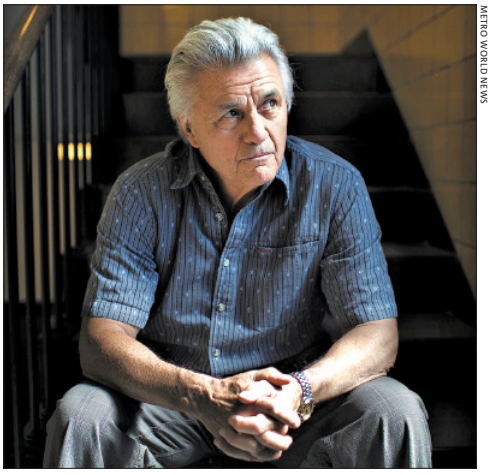
Irving gives life to fiction genre

Young Danny from Last Night in Twisted River has a lot in common with the writer of the book. But John Irving would rather not share his protagonist's fate.

Irving spoke to Metro about his latest novel and his career as a writer.



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John Irving gave the character Danny in his novel Last Night in Twisted River a similar background to his own.

Q When did you become a writer?

A There's an old essay that I wrote called Trying to save Piggy Sneed. It's about my grandmother and a garbage collector in the town where I grew up. He was killed in a fire on a farm. I worked in the fire department. It was a small town volunteer fire department. A lot of students in the town were volunteers because we thought it was exciting and a lot of fun.

One night the pig farm burned, and I found the body and had to take it out. That is about becoming a writer. The piece is about the desire to improve on that real story. The desire to somehow make the garbage man escape the fire. Or set a bigger fire that burns the whole town. The desire to make it either a better or a worse story. Because real-life stories don't have enough details, they don't make sense — they're just accidents.

Q Was there ever anything in your life you couldn't write about?

A No. In fact, I think that one of the reasons I am a fiction writer is that I've never been interested in memoirs.

Q Does it take time or can you write it right after it happens?

A It depends on what it is and how it has affected you. I think it's better to wait until it no longer agitates you.

Q Is the process Danny faces writing his novel similar to yours when writing Last Night in Twisted River?

A It's the third novel I've written where one of the main characters is a writer — the third of 12 — but in The World According to Garp and in A Widow for One Year I did not give Garp or Ruth my process as a writer. I did give that to Danny and I gave him my superficial biography — we were born at the same time, we go to the same schools, so that everything about Danny as writer, I faithfully modelled on my own history. But everything about Danny's life is not only not mine, but in some ways the opposite of mine. I feel that I've been very lucky and I purposely made Danny very unlucky.

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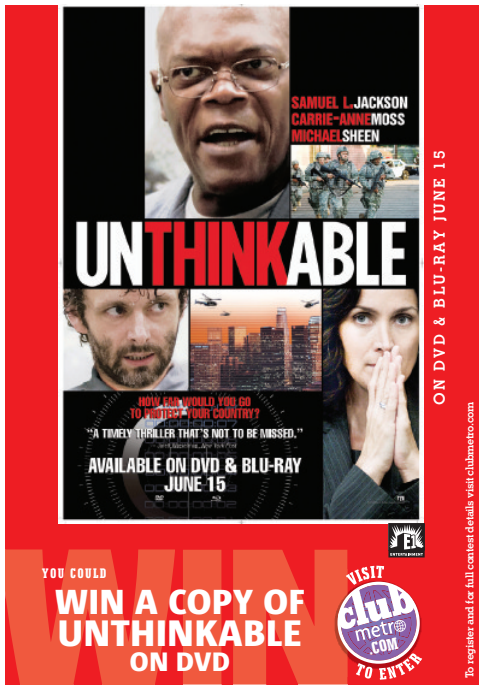

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Million Dollar Etheridge
Melissa Etheridge joins the cast of the hit Broadway musical Million Dollar Quartet for a one-time jam session. The Oscar and Grammy-winning artist will perform an undisclosed song on June 23 during the show's finale. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The motorcycle diaries

With civil and family cases, Jesse James becoming frequent court figure

Jesse James is getting his day in court. Quite a few of them, actually.

The biker businessman and estranged husband of Sandra Bullock was a fixture in a Los Angeles courtroom last week, where he's involved in dueling lawsuits with an apparel manufacturer and distributor.

James, 41, is scheduled to testify and is expected to attend all the proceedings. The case, with millions of dollars on the line, is far from the only one involving James. It is, however, one that centres on his business rather than his personal life.

He is also embroiled in a custody dispute in neighbouring Orange County with his ex-wife, Janine Lindemulder. James had been expected to attend a hearing in that case this week, but it may be postponed.

There's also James' ongoing divorce from Bullock playing out in Austin, Texas. No proceedings have been scheduled in that case.

Bullock filed for divorce in April after several women claimed they had extramarital affairs with James. He apologized to Bullock, but he and his attorney have maintained the vast majority of the claims against James are untrue.

James is the owner of West Coast Choppers, a custom motorcycle shop in Long Beach, Calif. He also owns several other businesses and has cultivated his bike-making craftsmanship and tough-guy persona into several televisions shows, most recently Spike TV's Jesse James is a Dead Man.

Jesse James spent two days listening to jury selection, a rare move for a celebrity involved in a civil case.

The clothing dispute being heard in a downtown Los Angeles courtroom centres on a deal James and his companies made with Fortune Fashion Industries. The apparel company sued James in late 2007, claiming he had breached a contract that was worth millions of dollars to produce workwear.

James has denied the allegations and countersued Fortune Fashions, saying the company didn't disclose it didn't have experience creating that type of apparel.

He spent two days last week listening to jury selection, a rare exercise for a celebrity involved in a civil case. Often, stars involved in civil matters only appear in court when they testify.

James, dressed in workboots or other workshop attire, has opted to sit behind his attorneys so far during proceedings. While he had to listen to some potential jurors opine on his personal life, the subject is off-limits during the trial.

A judge on Friday asked Fortune Fashions' attorney to refrain from using the word "cheater" in his opening remarks, even though he intended it only in relations to James' business dealings.

Numerous celebrity reporters and photographers showed up Wednesday when jury selection began, but their numbers had dwindled by opening statements on Friday. The case is expected to last several weeks.

One courthouse where James won't be showing up anytime soon is the criminal one. A paparazzo accused James of vandalizing his car after cheating allegations surfaced, but prosecutors rejected filing charges.

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Final Twilight chapter split into 2 movies

Stewart

MOVIES Twilight fans will have twice as much to sink their teeth into for the saga's final chapter, with Breaking Dawn to be released as two movies.

Summit Entertainment, which is releasing the wildly popular vampire franchise based on Stephenie Meyer's books, said part one would come out Nov. 18, 2011. The script is being written now, with stars Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner returning. Production is set to begin this fall.

Bill Condon, who won an Oscar for the screenplay of his 1999 film Gods and Monsters, will direct both movies. Condon also directed Dreamgirls and Kinsey and produced the 2009 Academy Awards ceremony with Hugh Jackman as host. The third film in the franchise, The Twilight Saga: Eclipse, comes out June 30.

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Mraz working to help end slavery in Ghana

PEOPLE While Shakira, the Black Eyed Peas and other top musicians are in Africa to help kick off the World Cup, singer Jason Mraz was on the continent for another reason: to help free slaves.

The 31-year-old Grammy winner was in Ghana this week with Free the Slaves, a non-profit organization whose mission is to "end slavery worldwide."

Mraz spent five days in the country, travelling with James Kofi Annan, a former child slave who used to work on fishing boats and had been enslaved for seven years.

Annan founded Challenging Heights, a school in Winneba where many of its students are former slaves. The children performed songs for Mraz.

Jason Mraz

The singer also travelled to a rescue shelter for slaves in the town of Atebubu and to Lake Volta, where many child slaves are working, said Peggy Callahan, the organization's co-founder and executive producer.

Callahan says she met Mraz through a mutual friend and she suggested he go to Ghana with her.

"The movement to end slavery really needs more voices, but they really need to be authentic voices, people who really do care about an issue," she said. "And Jason's one of those people, and he's willing to take the time to find out."

Mraz is the first celebrity to participate on the ground with the organization.

The pop singer is also busy working on the follow-up to his platinum-selling CD, 2008's We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crawford officially charged

Chace Crawford was officially charged with possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor, after his arrest in a Texas parking lot last week, according to TMZ. If convicted, the Gossip Girl could face up to six months in jail. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

A sober, yet rough car ride for January Jones

PERHAPS SHE SHOULD CONSIDER ANOTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION FOR NOW ON? Mad Men star January Jones had a rough ride home recently, reportedly striking several parked cars with her own car before stopping and leaving on foot, according to TMZ. Witnesses also claim Food Network star Bobby Flay, whom Jones had met earlier that evening, arrived on the scene and advised her to leave.

According to the LAPD, Jones was being pursued by paparazzi and was not intoxicated. "She wasn't under the influence of anything. No one got hurt. There is no investigation," a police spokesperson says.

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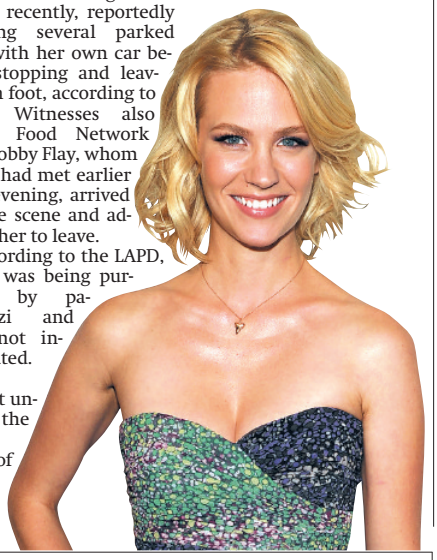

Fox admits trying to throw off the press

AN ACTOR WHO LIES TO THE MEDIA, NOW THAT'S AN ANOMALY! Megan Fox admits her previous outlandish statements to the press were all an attempt to hide her personal life.

"In the past, I've been reluctant to share any bits of truth about myself or to really let people in on my reality," Fox tells Zach Galifianakis in the latest issue of Interview magazine. "So I have said some things to throw people off the scent of what's really going on in my life. So I have sort of aided the media in printing these misconceptions, which I regret."

The actress is also coming to terms with the amount of media attention she receives. "I don't really resent being on the red carpet as much as I do having to deal with the paparazzi," she says. "The photographers on the red carpet, that's their job."

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Pattinson gaining buzz for new film

HE MAY BE MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY VAMPIRE FACE Robert Pattinson may finally getting attention as an actor for something other than the Twilight franchise, as early Oscar buzz on his performance in Water for Elephants is already growing.

"It wouldn't surprise me at all if he were to receive an Oscar nod for this role," a source close to the film tells Hollywood Life. Even his Oscar-winning co-star, Christoph Waltz, is impressed.

"It's in my house," Watlz says of his own Oscar. "But the way things are looking, I might have to hand it off to Rob next year."

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COURTNEY LOVE is looking for tech support, **LINDSAY LOHAN** wants some time to herself, **CONAN O'BRIEN** survived his first music festival, and **JOHN STAMOS** is looking forward to his new job.

@CourtneyLoveUK well the hackers are now shutting me down anyone in nyc who can turn my html into jpegs i will pay you hourly

@lindsaylohan Can't paparazzi just disappear for one night? Just so I don't have severe anxiety? Its like, one night off- like work days and weekends!!!!

@ConanOBrien Our Bonnaroo shows are done, and I made it out unscathed. Well, except for my three henna tattoos and contact dermatitis.

@JohnStamos there's nowhere in the world i'd rather be than on GLEE next season

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Not getting married anytime soon: Cooper

WEDDING GOSSIP IS THE BEST PUBLICITY Despite a recent run-in with wedding gowns during a shopping spree and some time spent meeting each other's parents, Bradley Cooper and Renee Zellweger are not getting married anytime soon, their reps tell People magazine.

While the pair, who have reportedly been dating for almost a year, don't speak publicly about their relationship, Cooper has stated that he finds reading about his personal life "fascinating."

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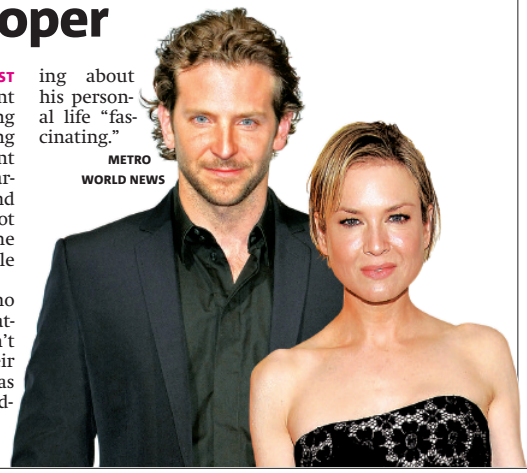

Woods spotted with blond twice

FUELING THE FIRE? Tiger Woods turned heads recently when he hit the golf course with a gorgeous blond in his golf cart — while wife Elin Nordegren is on the other side of the world in China.

"They were chatting and obviously very comfortable with each other," a source tells Radar Online about the mystery woman.

It was the second time Woods was spotted with the same woman.

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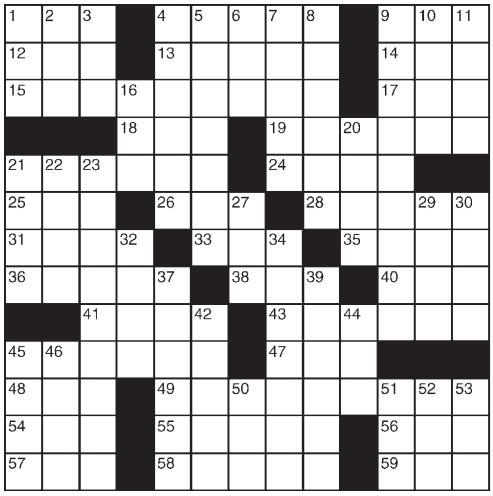

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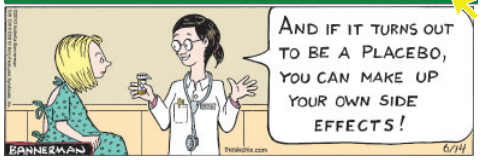

Metro Recipe of the Day

Italian Rice and Tuna Salad

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1 1/2 cups cold water
1/2 tsp black pepper
1/2 cup uncooked long-grain white rice
1 large tomato, seeded and chopped
1 jar marinated artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup chopped red onion
1/4 cup sliced pitted black olives
1 tbsp drained capers, rinsed
1/3 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup water
3 tbsp olive or vegetable oil
1 can water-packed, chunk light tuna, rinsed, drained, and flaked
3 anchovies, drained, rinsed, and chopped

METHOD:

1. In medium pot, bring water and black pepper to boil. Stir in rice. Lower heat and simmer, covered, 20 minutes or until rice is tender. Drain and cool rice slightly. Fluff with fork.

2. In large bowl, combine warm rice, tomato, artichoke hearts, green pepper, onion, olives and capers. Pour lemon juice, water and oil over rice mixture. Fold in tuna and anchovies. Toss lightly. Cover; refrigerate 4 hours.

3. To serve, spoon salad onto plates lined with curly endive.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
This is potentially one of the most rewarding and romantic periods of the entire year — you certainly won't be short of interesting proposals!

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Slow down a bit and pay more attention to what is taking place in your immediate environment.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If you sense that something is not quite right today you must act on what your instincts tell you.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Just because certain tactics worked in the past does not mean they will work in the future. Make a point of looking for unusual solutions.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Shy and retiring you most certainly are today you won't hesitate to let that special someone know just how much they mean to you.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you are not making progress towards your goals that you were hoping for then maybe you should ask yourself if your methods need improving.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Let partners and colleagues know that you are a fully paid-up member of the team. There is no point being half-hearted about what you intend to do.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Others will look up to you and follow you faithfully this week. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to your career.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Someone who is as different from you as it is possible to get will make a big impression on you today and it could be the start of a beautiful friendship.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Don't let your suspicions get the better of you today or you could miss out on an offer that will do you the world of good.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You must put your doubts and suspicions to one side and give loved ones the benefit of the doubt. What you do together will stand the test of time.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Think about ways you can make your life more rewarding and exciting. Changes to your working routine should be top of your list.

This day in history

1777: The Stars and Stripes is adopted by Congress as the Flag of the United States.
1789: Whiskey distilled from maize is first produced by American clergyman the Rev. Elijah Craig. It is named Bourbon because Rev. Craig lived in Bourbon County, Ky.
1938: Action Comics issue one is released, introducing Superman.
1940: World War II: Paris falls under German occupation, and Allied forces retreat.
1942: Anne Frank begins to keep a diary.

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• km: 59693
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10 Camry LE

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• st: 29533
• km: 30042
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07 Audi A4 Convert

• AWD, Load, GPS, Lthr,
• st: 29546
• km: 52362
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• st: 29207
• km: 29348
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• st: 28865
• km: 77988
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• km: 66090
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09 Dodge Avenger

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• st: 29707
• km: 62599
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• st: 29365
• km: 43250
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07 Tacoma SR5 TRD

• 4x4, Load, A/C, Auto
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• km: 38555
$28,850
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06 GMC Sierra 1500

• 4x4, Load, A/C
• st: 29175-A
• km: 67773
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08 Ridgeline RTL

• 4x4, Load Lthr, Roof
• st: 28708
• km: 17184
$32,890
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• st: 28161
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• st: 28376
• km: 79869
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• Load, A/C, Auto
• st: 28990
• km: 37060
$17,890
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09 Frontier SE

• 4x4, Load A/C, Auto
• st: 28694
• km: 32182
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07 Tundra SR5

• 4x4, A/C, Auto
• st: 28556
• km: 47596
$29,850
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05 Colorado LS

• 4x4, Load, A/C, Auto
• st: 28123
• km: 74232
$16,950
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06 Sienna CE

• Load, A/C
• st: 29637
• km: 97907
$14,950
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07 Suzuki XL-7

• AWD, Load, Roof, Lthr
• st: 29559
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06 Ford F-150

• 4x4, Load, A/C
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09 Chevrolet G15

• A/C
• st: 28312
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$169*** Bi-weekly

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10 Ford F-250 XLT

• 4x4, Diesel
• st: 29458
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09 Mazda5

• Load, A/C, Auto
• st: 29539
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• st: 29150
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• st: 28724
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• Convert, Auto Load, Lthr
• st: 28298
• km: 44815
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08 Santa Fe GLS

• 4WD, Load, A/C, Auto
• st: 28377
• km: 54197
$19,950
$161*** Bi-weekly

07 Yaris

• Std
• st: 29044
• km: 77412
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